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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF PROGRESS

REF: PRETORIA 4715

1. ACCORDING TO THE AFRIKAANS-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER DIE BEELD,  
AUGUST 15, A-G STEYN DECLARED FOLLOWING HIS LATEST MEETING WITH  
MARTTI AHTISAARI THAT "WE HAD A PLEASANT AND FRUITFUL MEETING." HE  
STATED THAT EACH TIME THEY MEET HE IS MORE CONFIDENT THAT "THE TEAM"  
AHTISAARI AND HE FORM WILL "VERY EFFECTIVELY HANDLE OUR  
PROBLEMS." STEYN CONTINUED HIS SERIES OF INTIMATIONS THAT THE  
DECEMBER 31 TARGET DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE IS NO LONGER REGARDED  
AS FIRM BY THE SAG WHEN HE SAID THE DATE WAS ONLY CONSIDERED  
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FIRM BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE FIVE'S PROPOSALS,  
"BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT CANNOT BE DISCUSSED."

2. DIE BEELD ALSO QUOTED AHTISAARI'S SRI LANKAN AIDE N.  
KARAKARAKNE AS SAYING THAT HIS IMPRESSION THUS FAR IS THAT THE  
REGISTRATION SYSTEM IS "VERY DEMOCRATIC AND CORRECT," AND THAT IT  
COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH OTHER VOTER REGISTRATIONS WHICH WERE

HELD UNDER UN SUPERVISION.

3. THE CITIZEN REPORTED JUSTICE STEYN'S CONSTRAINED REACTION TO SWAPO'S REJECTION OF HIS CALL FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE. HE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING: "I HOPE SWAPO WILL HAVE A SPEEDY CHANGE OF HEART," AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS EARLIER REMARKS WERE AIMED AT SAVING LIVES AS WELL AS FACILITATING THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

4. AHTISAARI LEFT THIS MORNING (AUGUST 15) FOR A TWO-DAY TRIP TO THE NORTHERN PART OF NAMIBIA AND IS EXPECTED BACK IN WINDHOEK THURSDAY. STEYN TOLD THE PRESS THAT ALL NECESSARY PROTECTION WOULD BE AFFORDED THE UN GROUP. AHTISAARI'S AUSTRIAN MILITARY ADVISER, MAJOR GENERAL HANNES PHILIPP AND SOUTH AFRICAN MAJOR GENERAL GELDENHUYS WILL MAKE A SEPARATE TRIP TO THE SAME AREA TODAY.  
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